

House Resolution 1394

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Allison of the 8th, England of the 108th, Keen of the 179th, Lane of the 158th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Patriots of the American Revolution and recognizing April 19, 2010, as
2 Patriots Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, April 19, 1775, marks a significant day in the history and founding of our great
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, on this date, British regular troops assembled with the intent of confiscating
6 local militia's arms in the town of Concord, Massachusetts; and

7 WHEREAS, in the early morning hours a call to arms was sounded by Paul Revere, William
8 Dawes, and Dr. Samuel Prescott, by riding on horseback through the countryside and
9 warning of this imminent act of suppression; and

10 WHEREAS, minutemen, militia, and colonists responded to this alarm by assembling at the
11 Village Green in Lexington and at the North Bridge in Concord to resist the advance of the
12 British; and

13 WHEREAS, the ensuing engagement led to the "Shot heard 'round the world," by determined
14 militia, and news of these events led to a galvanization of public opinion in favor of the
15 American Colonies gaining independence from Great Britain; and

16 WHEREAS, three years later, on April 19, 1778, Colonel Samuel Elbert, commanding three
17 Georgia Navy galleys, *Lee*, *Washington*, and *Bulloch*, encountered three British ships in the
18 Frederica River near St. Simons Island; and

19 WHEREAS, after five hours of naval action, the British ships were captured by Colonel
20 Elbert and the Georgia Navy, a victory which boosted the morale of all Georgia patriots and
21 caused the British to delay their invasion of Georgia by more than eight months; and

22 WHEREAS, Patriots Day serves to remind citizens of our Revolution and the sacrifices
23 endured during the years of struggle for American independence.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in recognizing April 19, 2010, as Patriots Day in
26 commemoration of the War of the American Revolution and the struggle for independence,
27 commend the brave Patriots who sacrificed for freedom, and request that all Georgians
28 become more knowledgeable of the role the Revolution has played in the history of our great
29 nation and state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to members of the public and
32 the press.